

the fine details themselves and would need to leave issues, like security, up to other agencies, including the sergeants at arms.

"This is an act of showing congressional support for New York," said Kori Bernards, a spokeswoman for House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.), who supports the resolution.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3338, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002. I wish to commend Chairman LEWIS, Ranking Member MURTHA, and their staff for again crafting a bill that is appropriate for those who risk their lives to protect our country, our freedoms, and our way of life.

We have learned in recent months that we live in an uncertain time and an unstable world. We in Congress must always remember that the first priority of the Federal Government is to provide for the national defense.

This bill delivers on that priority and demonstrates our commitment to our Nation's defense by providing \$317.5 billion in discretionary spending, \$19 billion over last year's bill. The bill ensures that our military remains the strongest, most prepared force in the world, and strengthens our efforts to deal with the new threats that our Nation faces by providing \$11.7 billion under the Counter-Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction Title. The bill also fulfills our obligation to house, clothe, feed, and provide for the health care of the members of our armed services and their families by providing a 4.6 percent pay raise and funding an increase in housing allowances.

Mr. Chairman, it is for these and many other reasons that I gladly support H.R. 3338 today and encourage my colleagues to do the same. At this very moment, men and women of our Armed Forces are overseas fighting a war on terrorism and evil. While we have all stood in this Chamber and commended them for their service, now is the time to support this vital legislation that will ensure our troops remain safe and successful, now and for years to come.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

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consideration the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Chairman, the tragic events of September 11th have left a profound impact on this country. As a representative from New York, I have witnessed firsthand the destruction and grief endured by the survivors. I've watched our brave rescue personnel work tirelessly to recover lost loved ones. Cleanup crews continue to work around the clock in hope of rebuilding what was destroyed. There is no question that New Yorkers are united in their effort to overcome the challenges ahead of them.

As we know, in the aftermath of September 11th, Congress quickly passed the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States (P.L. 107-38). This supplemental appropriates \$40 billion and allows the Bush Administration to spend the first \$20 billion with minimal reporting requirements. The remaining \$20 billion can be spent only after the Administration has specifically requested it and Congress has passed a bill reported by the Appropriations Committee. New Yorkers were promised \$20 billion of these funds to help with relief efforts.

I supported this legislation because it stipulates that "not less than one-half of the \$40,000,000,000 shall be for disaster recovery activities and assistance related to the terrorist attacks in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania . . ." However, only \$3.2 billion has been released and the Administration has only requested an additional \$6.3 billion for a total of \$9.5 billion. That's less than half of what was promised.

I am extremely concerned that New York is not receiving the full \$20 billion in emergency funds promised by the President in this bill. New York can not afford to wait for future legislation allocating the remainder of the \$20 billion in emergency funds it was promised. Overtime pay for cleanup workers must be paid. Unemployment Insurance funds are rapidly depleting. Continuation of COBRA must continue. These are real concerns that will require, at a minimum, the immediate allocation of the \$20 billion in emergency funds.

Equally important, however, is the urgent need to equip our military personnel with the resources and tools they need to prevent future acts of terrorism. We are at war with an enemy that is not restricted to country borders or even continents. The 7-percent increase in funding addresses many of our military's needs and prepares this country for the long road of eradicating all terrorists.

I have little doubt that New York will eventually receive the full \$20 billion promised by the President, but I would have preferred to receive these funds today. The President must not forget about New York, just as we have not forgotten about our brave men and women fighting overseas to prevent another attack similar to September 11th.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID KLAGER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of David Denison Klager who recently passed away in Creede, Colorado on November 1, 2001. David, known to others as Dave, will always be remembered as a dedicated contributor to the community. His passing is a great loss for a town that relied on Dave for his kind heart, knowledge, and friendship.

As a member of the Creede community, Dave was constantly volunteering his time and energy for beneficial projects in the area. He served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the Homeowner's Association, President and Board of Directors for the Creede Repertory Theater, President of the Creede Historical Society, volunteer for the Creede Historical Museum, and member of the Arts Council. He also served as Senior Warden to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Dave was a lover of the outdoors and enjoyed the many activities that Colorado can offer. He was an avid hiker, snowmobiler, cross-country skier and canoeer. His hobby was woodworking and his work can be seen throughout the City of Creede in places such as St. Augustine's Church, the "Art Park", and Creede Repertory Theater.

Mr. Speaker, Dave will be missed by the many whose lives he has touched in the community. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. His wife Courtney, daughters Kim, Karol, and Karen, as well as several grandchildren survive Dave. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a patriarch of the Creede community. David Denison Klager dedicated his final years to his neighbors in the City of Creede, Colorado, and he will be greatly missed.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3338, the Defense Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002.

In this time of national awareness of the very real threat of terrorism, I believe it is our responsibility as lawmakers to ensure the readiness and quality of life of our military by providing these forces with the necessary resources, equipment and training to defend our nation's interests and to keep the American people secure. With our country at war, it is more important than ever to continue to support our armed forces and provide them with

the necessary resources needed to wage this war and protect our nation and our world from terrorism.

Despite my support for this bill, I have strong reservations about the way this bill has placed an added emphasis on programs and provisions that do not address the most pressing needs of our nation.

For example, this measure provides \$7.9 billion for an untested and unproven missile defense program, while providing only \$613 million to improve federal, state, and local bioterrorism preparedness. By moving forward with a costly national missile defense system, we are investing billions of scarce federal dollars in an unproven and dangerous scheme while placing at risk the well-being of our nation in a time of national crisis.

In addition, this Defense Appropriations bill will cut critically needed funding from the Department of Labor's employment and training administration to provide additional funding relief to assist New York's efforts to recover from the September 11th terrorist attack. While there should be no doubting my commitment to the people of New York and their efforts to recover and rebuild after the terrorist attacks, I am concerned that the funding they need may come at the expense of other programs and initiatives deserved of funding.

Specifically, funding in this bill in the employment and training administration was to be used for the New National Emergency Grant program, which would allocate emergency funding to the states to provide health insurance, income support, and job search assistance and training for displaced workers following the September 11th attack. This includes a \$24 million grant for the State of Minnesota to provide assistance to displaced airline employees who have lost their jobs when the government suspended domestic and international air travel. These layoffs have had a devastating impact on these individuals and their families and to Minnesota's economy as a whole. With the huge influx of current layoffs, the state cannot meet the needs of these laid off workers without this emergency grant.

While this is not a perfect bill, with our nation at war, it is a necessary bill. It is imperative that our nation continues to maintain a strong national defense, especially during this time of domestic and international crisis. However, in the weeks and months ahead we must also pledge our commitment to work as a unified Congress to provide increases in additional security, bioterrorism preparedness, and employee assistance measures. Furthermore, we must work to help New York recover and rebuild from the devastating attack of September 11th, as well as stimulating our economy and strengthening our nation's infrastructure and safety measures.

CONGRATULATING CLEARFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA EMS

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding achievements of the Clearfield, Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Company. On August 10, 2001, the Pennsylvania Emergency Health

Services Council chose Clearfield EMS from among 1,000 ambulance service companies statewide to receive the Rural Ambulance Service of the Year Award.

Clearfield EMS garnered such an award not only through exemplary ambulance service, but also through their involvement in the community. Free flu shots and participation at county fairs and festivals are just a couple of the many ways that Clearfield EMS has taken the lead in community education and involvement.

In light of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the role of the EMS workers, firefighters, and police officers of Central Pennsylvania is greater than ever. Clearfield EMS and their EMS counterparts throughout the area are among the first to respond to emergencies, and for this important service to our communities, I am grateful. These individuals deserve all of our thanks for dedicating their lives to helping others.

Finally, I would like to recognize the following employees of Clearfield EMS by name: Paramedics: Scott Briggs, Timothy Lumadue, Christopher Miller, Scott Minich, Robert Mitchell, Michael Mowrey, Lewis Huff, Patrick Cooley

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT): Vicky DeHaven, George DeHaven, Traci Pentz, Melissa Miller, Lorie Bell, Stacy Huff, Frank Warholic, David McAllister, Brian Kellogg, Frank DeHaven, Carol DeSantis, Erin DeSantis

Administrative Staff: Terry Wigfield, Manager; Chad Abrams, Assistant Manager; Pamela Charles, Office Manager; Dr. James DeSantis, Medical Director

Board of Directors: Gary C. Wigfield, President; Gary L. Shugarts, Treasurer; Pamela Spencer, Secretary; Delford Wigfield, Mathew Franson, Thomas Glace

I congratulate Clearfield EMS on their exceptional accomplishments and their determination to improve their already stellar service. Clearfield EMS should serve as an example in excellence for other ambulance services nationwide.

A BILL TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES TO BUSINESSES LOCATED IN LOWER MANHATTAN, THE LIBERTY ZONE AND HELP REBUILD THE ECONOMY AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACK

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand with several of my New York colleagues in introducing a bill, which will provide much-needed tax incentives for businesses to rebuild in lower Manhattan—this all after the massive destruction caused by the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. None of us will forget the terrible losses of that day—loss of life and the most tragic being the heartache to so many families.

The World Trade Center towers were destroyed. Other buildings were damaged or collapsed. The price tag to rebuild is staggering. But rebuilding the infrastructure and economy must start. This package is only part of the solution, but it is an important first step.

As New York Governor George Pataki said today, "The \$6.1 billion package will offer incentives for businesses to generate jobs, spur innovation and investment in the Liberty Zone, helping us renew, restore and rebuild lower Manhattan".

The bill includes five provisions which would: (1) authorize New York State to issue up to \$15 billion in tax-exempt private activity bonds over the next 3 years to help renovate and rebuild commercial property, residential rental property and private utility infrastructure, (2) allow taxpayers to claim an additional 30 percent, first-year depreciation deduction for property located in the Liberty Zone, including buildings and building improvements, (3) provide a 5-year life for depreciating certain leasehold improvements, (4) increase by \$35,000 to \$59,000 the amount that can be expensed by small businesses under section 179, and (5) increase the replacement period from 2 to 5 years for property that was involuntarily converted in lower Manhattan so that taxpayers would not have to recognize gain.

I want to thank Chairman THOMAS and my colleagues for their help in working through this package. I urge your support.

MARKING THE PASSING OF MARY KAY ASH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the life and legacy of Mary Kay Ash. For more than four decades, Ms. Kay has been one of Texas' most outstanding citizens and a business pioneer. Cosmetics sales were just a small part of the legacy she left for America. Her business made women feel better about themselves, regarding both their appearance and the possibility for success in business.

Ms. Kay changed the way women in business were perceived. She pioneered direct marketing in a way that has been emulated for years. She tapped talent that may have otherwise gone unused. All over America, women are more empowered because of the life of Mary Kay Ash.

Mary Kay Ash founded the cosmetic company that bears her name in 1963 with \$5,000 in savings, using a hide tanner's cream as her principle product. Since then, the color pink has been synonymous with quality cosmetic products and aggressive salespersonship. She was a phenomenal entrepreneur and, more importantly, an incredible motivator. One hundred fifty one women, so far, have recorded more than \$1 million in Mary Kay sales.

Last year, Mary Kay, Inc. had revenue of \$1.3 billion. Today, there are about 800,000 women and men who make up the Mary Kay global sales force. It is an extraordinary legacy for a phenomenal lady who grew up in a poor Houston neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Kay Ash was one of Dallas-Fort Worth's most dynamic icons. She died on November 22, 2001. I ask that the thoughts and prayers of the Thirtieth Congressional District, and the nation, be with her family and friends.